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ELECTORAL REFORMS COULD RETURN BEN-GURION TO OFFICE

General Zionists, Mapai Talk Plans for Changes

JERUSALEM (JP)—The political fate of former Premier David Ben-Gurion may hang on discussions in the next few weeks between his Mapai party and the General Zionists on whether Israel's electoral system is to be changed in time for the Knesset elections scheduled July 26.

Speculation over the possible return of Ben-Gurion to the helm of the state has been heightened in recent weeks by a marked increase in his political activity.

Israel's first premier has been on an almost continuous round of conferences with the leaders of various parties since his emergence from semi-retirement as a working resident of Sdeh Boker, an agricultural settlement in the Negev.



BEN-GURION

SEEKS COALITION

Ben-Gurion has been seeking the creation of a "Pioneering Front," a coalition to include all parties, with the exception of the Communists and ultra-nationalist Herut movement, as well as electoral reforms directed towards placing Israel on the road to a two-party system similar to those of the United States and Great Britain.

Ben-Gurion's plan for electoral reform would divide Israel into 120 constituencies, each of which would elect one Knesset member. This system, he claims, would encourage the emergence of a small number of larger parties, thus making for the formation of stable governments, resting on the support of a clear majority of the legislature.

CLOSER BONDS

This plan, according to its supporters, would also strengthen the bond between the electors and their representatives, since every citizen knows who his member is, and can approach him for assistance in case of need.

The former premier's plans for resuming active leadership of Israel are said to be tied up with this electoral reform plan. Or, if this proves unattainable, he may settle for a clear majority in the Knesset of the projected "Pioneering Front" coalition.

He has indicated at various times that one of the major factors in his decision to retire from the helm in 1953 was due to his dissatisfaction with having to work with a coalition government. The electoral plan proposed by his party might go a long way towards eliminating the need for coalitions.

SMALL PARTIES OPPOSE

The small parties, of course, are opposed to an electoral reform such as envisaged by Ben-Gurion, as it could wipe them out. Neither are they particularly enthusiastic about the plan proposed by Israel's second largest party, the General Zionists.

The General Zionists, who are worried that the Mapai plan would favor the largest party at

the expense even of the second largest, have provided an alternate plan.

According to the General Zionists plan, the number of seats in the Knesset would be reduced to 71, and the country would be divided into 20 constituencies, each of which would elect three members.

In addition, at least 11 members would be elected on the basis of surplus votes. Each party would have to submit candidates for each of the 71 Knesset seats.

PERCENTAGE BASIS

Over 25 per cent of the votes in a particular constituency would entitle a party to one seat, over 50 per cent to two seats and over 75 per cent to all three. If all the seats in a particular constituency were not allocated in this way, the surplus unused votes would be transferred to the national list, and the unallocated seats, together with the 11 already mentioned, would be divided on proportion to the national totals of surplus votes. Only parties winning at least four seats in the first count would be entitled to participate in the share-out of seats on the national list.

This system, according to the *Jerusalem Post*, would prevent the largest party scooping the pool, but is open to another criticism. While the seats won on the first round in the constituencies would each represent a fairly national list might easily represent about 25 per cent of the number of votes cast in each constituency, the seats allocated on the national list might easily represent a much smaller number of votes each.

During the next few weeks there'll be some hot and heavy bargaining before the two parties come to some sort of an arrangement which they can get into the books. On their decision rests the immediate political future of David Ben-Gurion.

Austrian Rothschild Dies In Jamaica

NEW YORK (JP)—Baron Louis de Rothschild, the man who paid \$21 million in ransom to the Nazis in 1939 to regain his freedom, died this week while on a vacation in Jamaica, British West Indies.

Rothschild, 72, a member of the Austrian branch of the famous banking family, was freed by the Nazis in 1939 only after intervention by his friends and relatives and extensive negotiations with German ministers. He has been a resident and citizen of the United States for the last few years.

Jerusalem Cops Nab Demonstrating Zealots

JERUSALEM (JP)—Eight more religious fanatics of the Naturef Karta (Guardians of the Wall), including the much arrested Yehoshu Blau, son of Rabbi Amram Blau, who is the leader of the ultra-Orthodox group, have been arrested by police.

As in many recent instances, the men were picked up while demonstrating outside the Children's Club of the Working Mother's Organization which is located just outside the Mea Shearim district, stronghold of the ultra-Orthodox in Israel.

A police request that one zealot be held in custody for seven days for participating in a demonstration near the Children's club was rejected by the court on the grounds that a person could not be prevented from protesting in a peaceful and legal manner.

Former Rabbi Charged With Hoaxing Woman

JERUSALEM (JP)—Causing a woman to live with him on the pretext that they were legally married is the charge that has brought Rabbi Daniel Zion, 70, to trial in Jerusalem.

A former rabbi in Bulgaria and now president of the Messianic Jews organization, Rabbi Zion told police he married four years ago according to Jewish law by his authority as a rabbi, although he did not have any official authorization. "He could not get an Israel rabbi to perform the service, he said, because of his ideas concerning Jesus.

"I claim that Jesus was a Jew and that the Jewish nation suffers because they banished him from their midst, causing a hatred of Israel," Zion said. He asserted that he had not converted to Christianity and had remained a "good Jew."

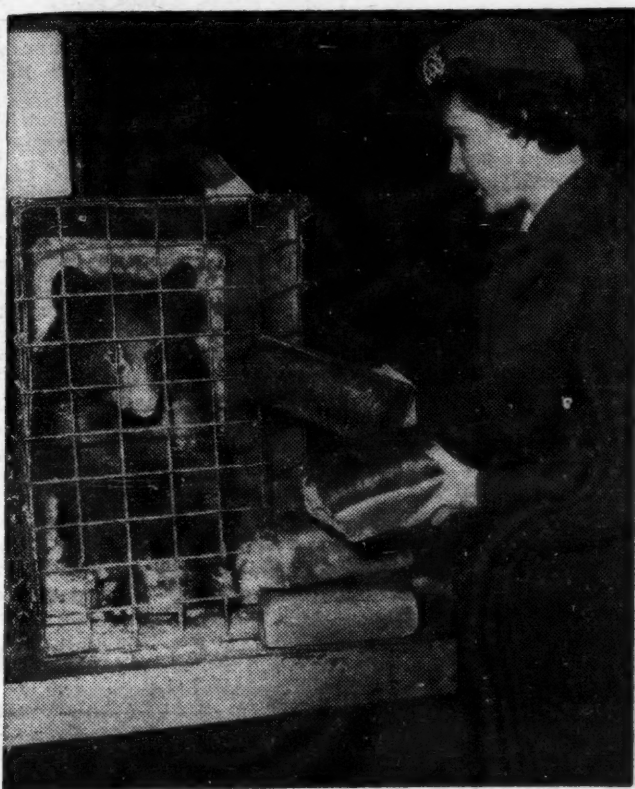
His wife, testifying for the state, said she had married Rabbi Zion three days after meeting him when he "told me that he heard heavenly voices saying that I would be his wife."

Diplomatic Corps Goes To Apes

TEL AVIV (JP)—Israel's newest "diplomats" might prove chimps when it comes to negotiations, but they'd probably be the hit of any diplomatic reception.

The "diplomats" are two chimpanzees recently received as a gift from the Paris Zoo. The Israel government listed them as diplomats in order to obtain full quotas of scarce rice for the two hungry animals. Ministry of Trade regulations provided for allocations of rationed rice only to humans.

Since the chimps were "animal ambassadors of goodwill," it was thought best to get around the regulations by listing them as envoys.



New Immigrants to Israel

El Al Israel airlines hostess Joyce Perlman carries a load of raisin bread to feed this one, and two other Canadian black bears, at Idlewild airport, New York, prior to their departure for Israel. The bears, and two beavers accompanying them, were the gift of the Toronto Zoo to the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo which is built around the animals and birds mentioned in the Bible.

Israel Scores Victory In U. N. Over Egypt's Blockade Of Suez

By LILI ELLER
Jewish Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (JP)—Israel has emerged with at least a moral victory from its just-concluded bout in the Security Council over Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal.

Despite the fact that no formal resolution has been adopted by the Council on the Suez issue, the majority of the 11 members upheld Israel's contention that Egypt had no right to interfere with shipping passing through the canal, including ships flying the Israeli flag.

Sir Leslie Knox Munro, of New Zealand, this month's Council president, declared that the September 1951 resolution calling on Egypt to halt Suez intervention remains in force.

EGYPT MAINTAINS STAND

Egypt has continued to insist, through its representative, Omar Loutfi, that the 1888 Constantinople Convention provided for exceptions to the right of free passage through the Suez Canal in the interests of Egypt's defense and security. The Egyptian spokesman denied the existence of a Suez blockade against all shipping, claiming that only "enemy" Israeli ships were of direct concern to Egypt.

In the meantime, although its crew returned some weeks ago to Israel, the freighter Bat Galim is still in Egyptian hands. However, it is clearly only a matter of time and method—the Egyptians do not want it to return via the Suez Canal—before the ship would be turned back to Israel.

FEAR PRECEDENT

Egypt is reluctant to permit the Bat Galim to pass through the canal for fear of setting a

precedent. Israel spokesmen have indicated that this was precisely the reason for the Bat Galim having run its Suez course; it was meant to be a test case. These spokesmen have made it clear that the Bat Galim venture will have been successful if: 1—It establishes the fact that freedom of the seas applies to all ships, including those flying the Israeli flag, and if

2. The hostility the Arab world is exhibiting towards Israel is made to redound on it and made a source of inconvenience and international unpleasantness. Through the Bat Galim seizure Egypt has entered into conflict with the Western powers, the United Nations, the maritime world, and has complicated its international relations.

A proposal to get the Mixed Armistice Commission, a U. N. body, to negotiate the Bat Galim's transfer, brought forth the answer from Abba Eban, Israel's chief delegate, that his government would cooperate only in such procedures to release the ship and its cargo as would vindicate and not dishonor the 1951 Council resolution which embodied Israel's right to free passage through the Suez Canal.

...with organizations

As a service to organizations who may be scheduling affairs of their own and who seek to avoid a conflict of dates with other organizations The POST will print an advance announcement of forthcoming national and regional meetings. These notices will appear only once and in this section.

● **Celebration** . . . Gov. Averell Harriman, of New York, and five other leading officials have agreed to serve as honorary patrons for the Tercentenary celebration of the Mizrahi (religious-Zionist) Organization of America. The other honorary patrons are former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Senators Herbert Lehman and Irving M. Ives, Attorney General Jacob K. Javits and Mayor Robert F. Wagner, of New York city. The celebration will be held Jan. 30 at Carnegie Hall, New York, as the climax of a special membership campaign of the group.

● **Compositions** . . . Two Jewish musical compositions, a symphonic work and a cantata, which were commissioned with the American Jewish Tercentenary, will be heard at concerts during the 11th annual Jewish Music Festival, to be sponsored by the National Jewish Music Festival. The Jewish Music Festival, this year dedicated to the Tercentenary, will be celebrated by Jewish community centers, synagogues, schools, music libraries, local music councils and other Jewish organizations from Feb. 5 to March 5.

● **Contest** . . . The Yiddish Scientific Institute (YIVO) has announced its seventh annual contest for original studies on Jewish life in the United States and Canada. Both college seniors and graduate students may compete. The studies may be on any topic pertaining to any phase of

Jewish life. Three cash awards are offered, \$300, \$200, and \$100 at first, second and third prizes, respectively.

● **Conference** . . . The three-day national conference of the Jewish National Fund of America, originally scheduled to open Feb. 11, will be held in stead Mar. 11-13 in Washington, D.C. The change was made to enable high Israeli officials to attend the conference as guest speakers.

● **Institutions** . . . Plans for holding 30 B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism in 1955, including one in Israel, will be submitted at the second annual meeting of the National Advisory Committee on B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism to be held Jan. 8-9, in New York city. The advisory committee will also discuss plans for speeding up the formation of year-round adult study groups to complement those that have already sprung up in Denver, Philadelphia, New York, Milwaukee, Washington, D.C., Boston, Pittsburgh and elsewhere.

● **Publication** . . . The first standardized religious school curriculum for Jews in the armed forces and their families has been published by the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board. The purpose of the standardized curriculum is to promote order in the religious training of Jewish servicemen and their dependents.

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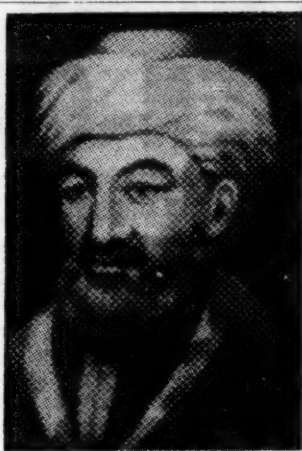
Orthodox, Reform Rabbis Blister Conservative Changes In Ketuba

By LILI ELLER

Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (JP)—Both Reform and Orthodox rabbis this week assailed the new amendment to the ketuba (Jewish marriage contract) as well as the establishment of a Beth Din (rabbinical court) recently carried out by the Rabbinical Assembly of America (Conservative).

In a radio broadcast sponsored by The Post over New York radio station WLIR, Rabbi Theodore Friedman, a member of the newly formed Beth Din, defended the Conservative innovation against



RAMBAM
Died 750 Years Ago

Israel Marks Death Of Moses Maimonides

JERUSALEM (JP)—Israel's celebration of Maimonides Year was opened last week at an exhibition of many editions of his works in the Rav Kook Institution, a cultural center here.

President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, in a speech opening the exhibit of the works of the medieval philosopher who died 750 years ago, recalled the old saying that "from Moses (the lawgiver) to Moses (Maimonides) there was no man like Moses."

A special pilgrimage was made to the tomb of the Rambam in Tiberias. Some 2,600 talks on the philosopher are to be given in Israel during the commemorative year.

rabbi-critics Fabian Shonfeld, editorial writer on the *Young Israel Viewpoint*; Meyer Kramer, contributing editor of the *Jewish Horizon*; Louis Bernstein, editor of the *Record*, and Morris Kertzer, member of the editorial board of the *Reconstructionist*.

"Didn't you create more problems than you have solved?" Rabbi Kertzer asked. Claiming the Conservative movement was trying to "have its cake and eat it, too," Rabbi Kertzer observed the innovators should not have "set their sights to appease the Orthodox."

NOT APPEASEMENT

Rabbi Friedman answered that the Beth Din was not motivated to appease any one, and that the authority of Rabbi Saul Lieberman, author of the new provision, was sufficient proof that the Conservative movement was treading on halachically firm ground.

The Beth Din was first brought up before the Rabbinical Assembly convention in Atlantic City in 1953. It was later agreed that six months would be set aside, during which invitations to the Orthodox and Reform movements would be sent, asking them to join in the proclamation.

The Orthodox never have discussed the matter with the Conservatives, claiming the latter had insufficient training in halacha to dabble in it. "Would you call a plumber if someone is sick?" one Orthodox rabbi said.

While the Reform movement remains unaffected by the change, since Reform rabbis do not issue any "gets," an "issur" (prohibi-

tion) has been declared on the Beth Din by a number of Orthodox bodies. "None of the Orthodox groups have pointed out on what halachic transgressions they base their repudiation," Rabbi Friedman declared.

The usefulness of the Beth Din, Rabbi Kramer insisted, would be shown in whether or not its injunctions will be enforced in the civil courts.

An Orthodox criticism expressed by Rabbi Bernstein was that if a couple refused to abide by the new provisions, the whole marriage contract could be declared null and void. It has been pointed out, too, that the problem of "intermarriage" would arise, since the new ketuba was being distributed only by Conservative rabbis and an Orthodox person might refuse to have his wedding ceremony performed by a Conservative rabbi under the new conditions. This might lead, some say, to Orthodox marrying only Orthodox, Conservative only Conservative, creating a further rift in the Jewish denominational life in America.

Peron Comes Through With Visas For DPs

NEW YORK (JP)—The first 80 visas of a promised 100, to redeem a year-old pledge of Argentina's President Juan Peron, and to help empty the last DP camp in Germany for Jewish people, arrived in Munich last week.

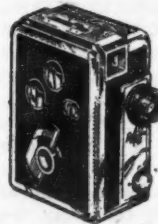
The arrival of the visas at the Argentine consul was announced by Ben Touster, president of the United HIAS Service, to whom Peron made the 100 visa promise early in 1954. It was reported that the other 20 visas for DPs in the Foehrenwald camp in Bavaria would be issued as they are processed in Buenos Aires.

Arthur Greenleigh, executive director of United HIAS said in New York that the first four families, consisting of 14 persons, will depart from Germany on Feb. 9.

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Hate Leaflets Mar Florida Governor's Inaugural Fete

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Anti-semites got their two cents worth in at the inaugural last week of Gov. LeRoy Collins through the distribution of hate-mongering broadsides.

Large quantities of a small, anonymously prepared sheet were distributed. They bore the phrase: "LEROY WAS ELECTED—FLORIDA IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE JEWS—WATCH THE WOLVES FEED—TWO YEARS IS ENOUGH."

The broadsides were found throughout the city. Many were found within the state capitol building itself.

According to Gilbert J. Balkin, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith director for Florida, copies of *Common Sense*, a widely-distributed anti-semitic publication also were used as give-aways on inauguration day.

"ON SENSE is published by McGinley in Union, N.J. It was cited in a recent House Committee on Un-American Activities report as a vehicle "for some of the most vitriolic hate propaganda ever to come to the attention of the committee." (JP, Dec. 24, '54).

Florida Attorney General Richard Ervin has been asked to investigate the distribution of the anonymous sheets. The state has an anti-anonymous hate literature statute which makes offenders liable to prosecution.

Governor Collins was reported as "very much shocked" by the leaflets.

Young In Heart Smitten by Cupid

LOS ANGELES (JP)—It was a big day at the Jewish Home for the Aged here last week when two of the youngest residents, Sam Horowitz, 77, and Rachel Levy, 70, were married.

The ceremony climaxed a whirlwind courtship that began last Nov. 16 when Horowitz entered the home and was greeted by Mrs. Levy, a member of the welcoming committee.

Since then the romance has been a major point of interest among the home's 300 residents and most of them turned out for the wedding, held in the synagogue on the grounds.

It was the third marriage for Mrs. Levy, a widow, and Horowitz, a widower, was marrying for the second time. After a wedding trip to nearby Lake Elsinore the couple will return to living at the home.

Eban Stresses Bonds Between Israel, World

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (WNS)—In an address before the student body and faculty of Notre Dame university, the first address of an official representative of the State of Israel before a major Roman Catholic audience in the United States, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban this week stressed the "essential kinship" of Israel and the Christian world.



"An understanding of the spirit of the Christian world ranks high among Israel's chief aspirations," the ambassador said. "We are fully aware that many causes and assets sacred to Christianity lie within our control and demand our most vigilant reverence. This consideration has led us constantly in recent years to proclaim our readiness to place under international influence the holy places in Jerusalem which are the cradle and inspiration of the Christian faith."

Eban expressed appreciation of the "warm praise" uttered by Msgr. Antonio Vergani, representative of the Latin Patriarch in Israel; by the very Rev. Father Brunet, and by visiting cardinals and prelates at the efforts of the Israel government to facilitate the movement of travelers and pilgrims to Christian shrines and repairing war damages inflicted on some of the buildings and property of the Catholic Church in Israel.

Zionist Group Enters Fund-Raising Field

NEW YORK (JP)—The American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, now under the leadership of Rabbi Philip Bernstein, is undertaking its own fund raising.

Not being able to draw on UJA funds, because it is a political body, the committee, now barely a year old, has established a fund-raising arm to help meet its operative costs.

Phil Chasin, formerly of Israel Bonds, now is with the Committee, according to him "on a temporary basis to devise methods of raising money for 1955."

Chasin told *The Post*, "Our campaign will of necessity be small and quiet, so as not to interfere with the major Jewish campaigns."

Restitution Group To Receive Property

WASHINGTON (JP)—President Eisenhower last week designated the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, a group consisting of national Jewish organizations, to receive the unclaimed property of certain dead victims of Nazi persecution.

The Justice department, which holds the property, said it had no estimate of the dollar value of the property, but it was "not a very sizable sum." The president's executive order does not actually transfer any property, but merely authorizes the organization to file and prove property claims. When released, the property would be used for the relief and rehabilitation of needy sufferers from the same kind of persecution as practiced by the Nazis.



Portrait and the Artist

Mrs. M. B. Rivkin, a self-taught painter, takes a close look at her finished painting of the late Lubavitcher rabbi, a long-time family friend. Mrs. Rivkin is the wife of Rabbi M. B. Rivkin, dean of New York's Mesifita Torah Vodaath and the mother of Rabbi Sholom Rivkin of St. Louis. In addition to her painting, Mrs. Rivkin teaches the first grade in Hebrew of the Yeshiva Ohel Moshe, a Brooklyn day school, and is the author of "Reishis Chomo," a Hebrew beginner's text.

West Coast Expert Finds Jewish Boxers Scarce

By GERALD LITTMAN

Jewish Post Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (JP)—According to a local sports editor, the outlook for Jewish boxers on the West Coast is pretty bleak.

Sid Ziff, sports editor of *The Mirror-Daily News*, in a recent column printed a letter from a reader inquiring if there are any Jewish boxers active in the game on the West Coast.

Ziff wrote, "I can't even name one Jewish boxer in the game today. There may be one or two on the East Coast, but there aren't any that I know of out this way."

The last Jewish boxer in L.A., according to the sports editor, is believed to be Elmer Beltz, "but there is some question whether he was a fighter, or Jewish."

The sports writer then listed some Jewish boxers who became world champions—Daniel Mendoza, Maxie Rosenbloom, Battling Levinsky (Barney Lebrovitz) Solly Kreiger, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Gershon Mendelhoffen, Benny Leonard (Benny Leinert), Al McCoy (Al Rudolph), Jackie Fields (John Finkelstein), Barney Ross, Al Singer, Abe Attell, Benny Bass, Abe Goldstein, Charley

Rosenberg, Jack (Kid) Berg and Mushy Callahan (Morris Scheer).

Cohen's Auto Injuries To Delay Title Fight

NEW YORK (JP)—A broken jaw and other injuries incurred in an auto crash last week will keep Robert Cohen, world bantamweight champion, from defending his title against South African Willy Toweel Mar. 5 in Johannesburg.

Cohen, whose right to the title is still recognized by the World Boxing Commission, although he was stripped of it by the National Boxing Association, definitely will not be ready to fight Mar. 5 according to his manager.

Los Angeles Job Brokers Found Still Accepting Biased Orders

LOS ANGELES—Seeming proof that the United States has made little or no progress since 1948 along the road of eliminating race and religious consciousness in job placing came out of Los Angeles this week.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith regional office in this metropolis, acting in the name of reputable firms, placed a job order with 126 employment agencies for a "white, Protestant stenographer." Only one agency rejected the discriminatory order.

Four agencies either accepted "with reluctance" or suggested

that the prospective employer eliminate the racial and religious preferences. The remaining 121 agencies accepted the order without question.

The results almost parallel those of a similar test made seven years ago involving 129 employment agencies. Then, there were two outright rejections, five reluctant acceptances, 121 "no-questions-asked" acceptances.

A second test was made by the ADL office to determine how many employment agencies encourage discriminatory orders. Here, a telephonic request was made for "a stenographer." Eleven of the 126 agencies asked for preferences involving race, religion or nationality. In 1948, in a similar test, 34 of 129 agencies asked such questions.

Milton A. Senn, ADL regional director in Los Angeles, said that in subsequent discussions with employment agency directors, he was told "they are only following a pattern long established as part of the mores of the business world. They also insisted that it was good business on their part to solicit as much information as possible of the prospective employer's preference, even if the information involved race and religion," said Senn.

Every columnist in *The Post* is exclusive in *The Post*, and every one is a top commentator in his own field.

300 Groups Request Material Claims Funds

NEW YORK (WNS)—More than 300 Jewish organizations operating in 29 countries have filed requests with the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany for funds to carry on relief and rehabilitation activities among Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, the Claims Conference announced here this week.

The total allocation requests for relief and rehabilitation activities for 1955 exceeded \$45 million, the Claims Conference reported. This is five times greater than the \$9-10 million which is expected to be available for allocation this year for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Nazi victims outside of Israel. In 1954 the Conference allocated \$9 million for these purposes. Final decisions relating to the Conference allocations for 1955 will be made by the board of directors at its meetings during the first week of February.

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We Need Lift, Change of Pace These Dreary Winter Days

By SARAH LIEBER

IN spite of the colorful catalogues of garden seeds which keep the postman busy with deliveries, this seems to be the longest and dreariest part of winter. Sunset is early, the moon is still on view when we wake up in the morning. Inclement weather often stifles the impulse to get out of doors. In short, we need a lift, a change of pace. Even the menus for the day's meals could stand some revision. And this is the time of year when every woman longs to buy a new hat, preferably red, to lift her spirits.

In short, the "balabosta" is in her mid-winter rut. And I, for

one, intend to do something about it. First, I will get out into the air more. I'll take a walk when it is more tempting to catch a bus. I'll phone some neglected friends and plan an informal get-together. I may even enroll in an adult education course. I'll plant some bulbs in a bowl and watch them grow. I'll try out some new foods, and prepare old favorites which have been absent from the Lieber table out of forgetfulness.

Eggs are plentiful and inexpensive and might be just the answer to the jaded palate. Cereal

grains can be used in ways "gesher mack" and unaccustomed. I'll ex-

periment. How about you? Instead of potatoes there are the macaroni products in many shapes and forms besides the ones we use constantly. Rice is versatile and delectable. Buckwheat grits, or kasha, is being milled in more variety these days. In fact, the buckwheat institute reports that kasha now comes in four different grinds for different uses. It is rich in vitamins and low in cost, and just what the menu needs, perhaps.

KASHA HAMBURGERS

- 1/2 cup kasha
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 lb. chopped lean beef and veal mixed
- 1 chopped onion
- 1/4 tsp. dry mustard
- pepper to taste
- 1 can tomato and mushroom sauce

Boil kasha in water for five minutes. Mix meat and seasoning. Gradually stir in the cooked kasha. Add onion. Wet hands and form mixture into flat patties, six to eight, depending on the size. Broil until brown. Serve with heated sauce. The kasha extends both the amount and the nutritional value. Serves four.

MACARONI CREOLE

- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup shredded green pepper
- 2 tbsps. chopped black olives
- 3/4 cup chopped mushrooms
- 2 cups pureed tomatoes
- 2 tbsps. shortening or oil
- 1 1/2 tbsps. flour
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 half pl package macaroni or shell noodles

Cook vegetables in shortening ten minutes or until onion is transparent and green pepper is tender. Blend in flour to thicken. Add seasoning and herbs. Cook noodles in water as directed on package. Turn into casserole. Pour sauce over noodles. Keep hot in low oven. Very good to fill out a meal of leftover meat or poultry. A green salad and stewed fruit balances the meal. Serves four.

HEAVENLY PIE MERINGUE CRUST

- 3 egg whites
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 cup sugar

FILLING

- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 lemon, rind and juice
- 1 tbsps. flour
- 1/2 cup water
- cup heavy cream
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

TO MAKE THE SHELL

Whip egg whites only until foamy. Add salt, cream of tartar and vanilla. Beat until soft peaks begin to form. Add sugar, 2 tbsps. at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Beat until stiff peaks form in the meringue. Spread on bottom and sides of a 10 inch greased pie pan. With back of a spoon shape meringue so that sides are thicker than bottom. Bake in very low oven (275 degrees) one hour. Turn off heat, and cool crust in oven with the door open. Remove carefully to serving plate.

TO MAKE FILLING

Mix yolks, sugar, grated lemon rind, juice, flour and water in top of a double boiler. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Cool, whip cream until thick. Add vanilla to cream. Spread whipped cream in bottom of pie shell. Pour lemon filling carefully over cream, top with more of the whipped cream. Chill several hours. May be garnished with fresh, frozen, or canned fruit or berries. Serves 6 to 8.

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They All Are Jews



Nathan Strauss

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His father was prosperous, but during the Civil War the Strauss fortune was swept away. The father brought his family to New York and started a business in pottery and glassware, while Nathan, now in early manhood, was sent to business college. He later joined his father's firm and proved an extraordinary merchant. Under his management the business prospered.

One day he visited the slums of the city. The emaciated children of the poor aroused his pity. He made the appalling discovery that many of these babies were dying because of the impure milk fed to them. At that time the Frenchman Pasteur had discovered a method of destroying the disease germs in milk. Strauss went to Europe to investigate the Pasteur method. He returned to America, and, in the face of attacks from sellers of milk and even from physicians, he opened depots in the public parks where Pasteurized milk was sold to the poor at half price.

The results were amazing. Other cities followed suit and also established milk depots. Strauss gave up his business affiliations and devoted himself entirely to philanthropic works. He founded the first tuberculosis preventorium for children, established lodging houses for the homeless, and food stations for the hungry.

A devout Jew, he longed to see the homeland of his people. When he arrived in Palestine and saw the wretched conditions there, he spent vast sums of money in the building of a water system to supply pure water, and from Europe he brought great eye specialists to set up clinics for the treatment and cure of the natives ravaged by blindness. He built schools for the education of the children, soup kitchens for the poor, and a factory so that hundreds could be employed and earn a livelihood. Until the day of his death, he worked selflessly for all mankind. He will be remembered by this and future generations as the merchant-prince of the generous purse and the open heart.

This feature is condensed from the book, "They Are All Jews," with biographies by Mac Davis, and portraits by E. E. Claridge, through courtesy of the Hebrew Publishing Company, New York N. Y.

Your Name

Want to know what your name means?
Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth.
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By N. PEARLROTH



DEAR Mr. Pearlroth: Could you tell me the meaning of the name Maizlish. As far as I know, it comes from the Polish town of Swiniuchy, Wolyn Gub. I would appreciate it very much if you told me all you could about it.—MORTON B. MAIZLISH, Flint, Mich.

MAIZLISH is the same name as Meisels or Meisel and means "Son of Mordechai". Meisel or Maizel is an affectionate diminutive of the Hebrew name Mordechai and dates back about 400 years. The family seems to have originated in Cracow, Poland about the middle of the 16th century. Some members emigrated from Cracow to Prague, Czechoslovakia, others spread to Hungary and Russia. Several were rabbis in various parts of Poland—the best known being Rabbi Dob Meisels who was a Polish Senator, an Austrian Member of Parliament and died in Warsaw in 1870. One very wealthy Meisels founded a synagogue in Prague which was long called after his name. Other members of the family were pioneer printers of Hebrew books in Poland. The spelling Maizlish dates back to a time when the Hebrew transliteration of Yiddish was peculiar in that the sound "s" was spelled "sh". Instead of Meisels the name was spelled Meiselsch. It was difficult to pronounce and for that reason the spelling was altered to Meislish or (in Polish) Maizlish.

SHE FILLED A LITERARY VACUUM

Her Little Daughter's Question Prompted Juvenile Best Seller

By SUZZANE MESSING

Jewish Post Correspondent

DON'T PUBLICIZE the Jewish angle of your book," Mrs. Sidney Taylor was advised by her Chicago publisher when her children's story, "All-of-a-Kind Family," first appeared in 1952. The story of the antics of her own family of the fabled East Side of New York City, the book thus never was advertised in the Jewish press, and the ads never mentioned that it was a story about Jewish children.

When the usual sacks of letters containing reader reaction started pouring into the publisher's office they turned out to be most unusual. Written in the newly learned scrawl of eight- to ten-year-olds, the letters read something like this:



MRS. TAYLOR

"I want to be a Jew because they have so much fun."

A FEW PARENTS also wrote. One Christian mother said that when Succoth was celebrated her little girl insisted the family build a succah just like the one described in the book.

A fragile-looking redhead, Mrs. Taylor thinks her book "clicked" because it didn't preach or glorify Judaism, but simply tried to show Jewish living as part of the mainstream of American life.

Compared to most "Jewish" juvenile books, which usually sell only about 2,000 to 3,000 copies, Mrs. Taylor's book sold some 30,000 copies, and probably mostly to non-Jews. That may account for the fact that only one fan letter came from a Jewish woman. Married to a Christian, she wrote that through Mrs. Taylor's book she had finally been able to show her small daughter what being Jewish meant.

WHEN THE "FAMILY" went into its third printing, the publisher clamored for a sequel. The result is "More All-of-a-Kind Family," which was reviewed several weeks ago in *The Post*.

Mrs. Taylor became a published writer quite by accident.



Here's the "All-of-a-Kind Family"

This is the jacket illustration of Mrs. Sidney Taylor's new book, "More All-of-a-Kind Family" which was recently published. The sequel to her top-selling children's book "All-of-a-Kind Family" continues the hilarious story of a Jewish family growing up in the East Side of New York's immigrant-crowded streets.

She wrote the first book for her daughter who wanted to know why the children in stories were never Jewish.

"I was rather surprised by her question since she was not brought up in a particularly Orthodox atmosphere," she reminisced. "But since my own home had been extremely Orthodox, I thought I would write down for my daughter everything I remembered about my own childhood."

When Mrs. Taylor's daughter, now 14 years old, outgrew the children's book age, the manuscript lay in a drawer until husband Ralph learned of a children's book contest. Without telling his family, he submitted the manuscript and it won the \$3,000 Charles W. Follett prize. Later the book also collected a Jewish Book Council prize.

What ever happened to the five little girls in "All-of-a-Kind Family?"

"Well," the attractive writer says, "just read the 'Family.' We all turned out exactly as you might expect from the book."

Originally a dancer with Martha Graham's troupe, she gave up dancing to raise a family. After the birth of her daughter she did not return to dancing but turned her attention instead to an even earlier interest, the theater.

Mrs. Taylor had at one time acted under the direction of Lee Strassberg at the Cherry Lane theater in New York. This time, however, she became interested in theater for children. At the Cejwin camps each summer Mrs. Taylor writes, and directs the play put on by the campers. As you might expect, the plays also have a dance sequence. "I'm happy to say," Mrs. Taylor smiles, "I have had only one flop."

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BOOK WRITING, THOUGH, is simply another accomplishment might expect from the book."

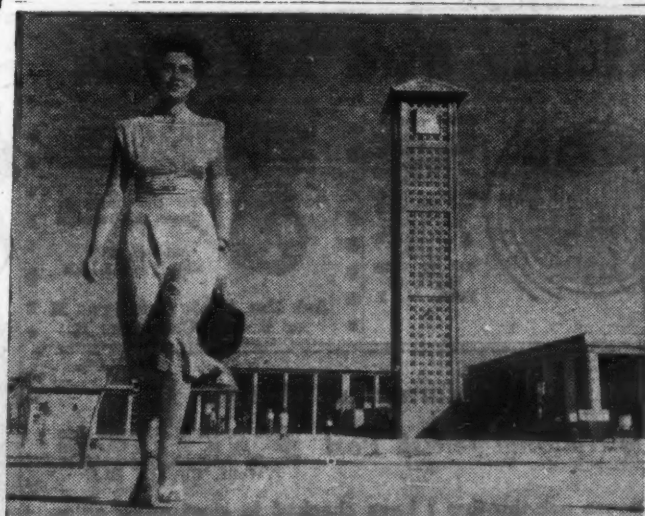
The Inquiring Reporter

Do you think that Jews are becoming more observant of Judaism?

MRS. CHARLOTTE URBACH, University City, Mo.—Yes, I do. There are more younger children going to Sunday school and they come home and tell their parents what they should do or not do.

MRS. HUGO GREEN, Chicago—Jews, it seems to me, are becoming more observant of Judaism. Traditions which appeared to be vanishing are regaining their lost popularity, especially in the Conservative movement. We have altered some of the customs to make them acceptable to everyday living. Women's study groups are growing and Sunday schools are more popular than ever.

MRS. DORA COHEN, Pittsburgh, Pa.—If becoming more observant means joining Hadasah and taking part in United Jewish Appeal, I'd say yes. But on the other hand, if it means going to the synagogue on Friday nights and actually becoming religious, the answer is a sad no.



A Pretty Face in "Faces of Israel"

The attractive lass above, identified only as "Ruth, an American nurse volunteering for service with Kupat Holim," is one of the characters of the hour-long color film "Faces of Israel" released this month by the National Committee for Labor Israel. Made up of seven sequences, each of which is based on the intimate life of an ordinary Israeli, the film tells of the meaning of independence to each individual in the Jewish State. The film was made in Israel.

NEW YORK

U.S. Interest In Israel Goes Beyond Donations

by M. Z. FRANK



WE ARE told by the Tel Aviv correspondent of the NJP (Jan. 14) that "a prominent member of Israel's parliament has charged world Jewry—especially that of the United States—with lack of interest in how Israel spends the funds it has received."

"Writing in the daily newspaper *Haaretz*, Eliezer Livneh, a Mapai party leader, compared the strict control of funds contributed to local philanthropies and communal institutions by world Jewry to what he considered its lack of interest in how Israel spends similar funds."

I happened to read Livneh's two articles in *Haaretz* (Dec. 10, 12, '54) before they were reported in *The Post* and I was wondering whether I ought to comment on them. Now that the report has appeared in my paper, I decided to do so.

LIVNEH'S CRITICISM may be useful when he talks about Israel. But he is evidently not the authority on American Jewry. What in the world made him say that the Jews in America exert "strict control" of funds contributed to local philanthropic and communal institutions? In fact,

when a Jew gives \$100 or \$1000 to the local Federation or Community Chest, he knows less about how part of the money is used for teaching Hebrew or for maintaining an old folks home than the UJA donor knows about the pipes in the Negev. (In the original article in *Haaretz*, Livneh states that American Jews are just as strict about their communal institutions as about their private businesses!)

Livneh explains this allegedly unique attitude of American Jews by their fear of the accusation of "double loyalty." There is a fraction of the truth in this assertion—I should say, about 5 or 6 per cent. American citizens and the American government do plenty of interfering all over the globe—without the fear of being accused of double loyalty. Fred Lillenthal, who is too mean even for the American Council of Judaism, urges American Jews to use pressure on Israel—his way. When the Kibya incident occurred, some Zionist leaders in America were not a bit shy about telling Israel—in public, let alone in private—that they did not like it.

LIVNEH THINKS the American Jew gives money to Israel, gets a thrill in return and is satisfied with an attractively gotten up pamphlet. But that also holds true for the Federation or for the Community Chest. It does not hold true, however, in either local or overseas enterprises, as far as the leaders are concerned. The ordinary giver gives for a thrill, whether to get a thrill from hearing how old people are made happy, or how Judaism is perpetuated by teaching the kids, or how Rumanian and Moroccan Jews are rescued from oppression (UJA line), or the same Jews make the desert belch smoke (bond drive line). But in local endeavors the men at the top look into the teaching system and the hiring of teachers and into the heating systems on the old folks home, and men at the top of the UJA and the Israel bonds look into the audit of the

Labor Group, Bank Save Private Company

JERUSALEM (JP)—The local Histadrut (General Federation of Labor) and the town bank in the city of Kfar Saba joined together early this month to save an American-financed sewing and knitting plant from failing.

The plant, Sargun, Ltd., owned by the Israel Knitting Mills of New York, was facing imminent sale at a loss due to the combined effects of undercapitalization and absentee management. An Israel syndicate was interested in purchasing the plant when the union group decided to save the plant for Kfar Saba and the 100 townspeople employed in the mill. The union was concerned that the syndicate might move the \$150,000 plant from the city.

Under terms of a five year agreement signed by the owners, the union and the bank, the city's leading bank, Kupat Milveh Vehisaron will put up \$75,000 and the union will take over the management. At the end of the five years, the plant will be returned debt-free to the Americans.

books of the Jewish Agency and examine the quality of the cement from which the pipes of the Negev are made.

Men like Rudolph Sonneborn, Dewey Stone, Julian Venetzky, Sam Rothberg and others have been to Israel to many times to be taken in by mere thrills and speeches. They have met in private with Ben-Gurion and Sharrett and Eshkol too many times to be overawed by their positions. They are by now inured to superficial thrills. As a matter of fact, they often tell the leaders in Israel what they think is wrong. Sometimes they even read the riot act. But they never wield the stick. They never threaten to cut off help if things are not done their way.

AND I THINK it is the right attitude.

Livneh and a brilliant young protege of his, Shlomo Rimer, advocate a receivership by American Jews of Israel's economy (Rimer's article, first published in Lovneh's *Beterm*, appeared in *Commentary* early in the summer of 1953).

This would be a dangerous idea if there was any chance of it being carried out.

American Jews will not interfere in such a fashion, primarily because they do not think it will do Israel any good in the long run. They don't think they could do any better. They don't think it will help develop Israel's ability to run things. They know how they gained their experience to run their businesses.

And I think American Jews are right and Livneh is wrong.

THE DIGEST OF THE YIDDISH PRESS

Developer of Photosynthesis Proves Stalwart Jew

by Rabbi Samuel M. Silver



THE MAN who perfected the process of artificial photosynthesis—the process whereby the sun's rays are used to produce the chemical components on which plant life depends—a discovery which has been hailed as one of the most important in the history of science—is a Jewish immigrant from Warsaw, who came to this country in 1926 and ultimately joined the faculty of the University of California.

Daniel I. Arnon originally came to America and studied plant life with the purpose in mind of "aiding Palestine, to which he was devoted as an ardent Zionist. Destiny kept him in the U. S., where, as immigrant, he had a difficult struggle, on occasions driving a truck and serving as a sailor to make a living. He has always retained his strong attachment to Zionism and is at home with the Hebrew language.

This data was promptly submitted to the *Day-Journal's* Ahser Pen by a Brooklyn cousin of Dr. Arnon's, after the appearance of the *New York Times'* story announcing the momentous Arnon discovery.

AIR FORCE GENERAL LOVES JUDAISM

ONE of the most puzzling encounters the *Day-Journal's* N. Gordon has ever had was with a retired Air Force general who has become such a lover of Judaism that he spends all of his spare time studying Torah and exhorting Jews to be more pious. A believer in Orthodoxy, "Tex" Kitchener is said to have given up a \$50,000 a year job to become an engineer in an office building in New York's garment center so that he can be close to Jews and continue his study of Torah.

Throughout a long interview with Kitchener, Gordon remained flabbergasted. Kitchener kept asking Gordon why more Jews don't know Hebrew and don't obey Jewish laws. Gordon learned that the 51-year old ex-general is the nephew of a former vice-president of the U.S., is visited often by cronies such as General Doolittle, and is an occasional lecturer at Orthodox gatherings.

Why hadn't Kitchener converted to Judaism yet? He felt unworthy, so far, was the reply, but was consulting with a renowned Hassidic rabbi about the matter. Asks Gordon: is the general real or is he a mirage?

SUGGESTS PEPUP OF HOUSE PARTIES

IN HER column in the *Day-Journal's* Women's Page, Rachel Berman deplores the vacuity of most house parties in Jewish homes. The food is usually good and well planned, but the parties are boring because no central theme or atmosphere is in evidence.

Berman feels that Jewish housewives should plan something substantial and enriching

for their party guests. Clever games to stimulate discussions, the promotion of some good cause, group singing—these and other aims would give Jewish distinctiveness to Jewish home gatherings, asserts the writer.

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GALITZIANER LITVAK KEEPS 'EM COMING

ONE of the most famed of humorists is B. Kovner, creator of Mendel Kapoyer, longtime writer of the *Forward*. Now living in retirement in St. Petersburg, Fla., Kovner recently turned 81, sends irregular dispatches to his paper, signing them, "Your Galitzianer Litvak."

In a recent letter, Kovner tells some wry stories. One of them is about the oldster who received a fine tallis from his son, with a card reading, "Merry Christmas, dear dad." Another oldster died, but his son did not appear for the funeral. Asked why he didn't attend the service, the son, a professional ball-player, said, "I had a game that day. Business before pleasure, you know."

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT By HELEN COHEN

All the Words Were There,
But Just a Little Scrambled



THE WORDS were all there in my first paragraph last week; just a little mixed up. My mother will please excuse the resulting slur.

I wrote: "There certainly is a marked change in this country from the days when I was a child on the subject of food. Then the ideal in eating was considered 'simple, wholesome American fare' and shame to tell, we children taking our cue from that, looked down on any cookery of our mothers that smacked of foreign flavor."

It came out: "... and shame to tell, we children taking our cue from that of our mothers, looked down on any cookery that smacked of foreign flavor."

WHILE I'm in the correction department a little paragraph I submitted before my leave of absence this fall never got around to being printed. May as well get it in now. I mentioned that our community would look forward to the return of Dr. Oomle Waife, who was leaving suddenly for a hitch in the Navy. He and his pretty wife, Jane, took along with them to Batimore their pert young seven-year-old daughter and cherubic son, aged two, both of whom would have delighted the heart of their paternal great-grandfather, Sholom Aleichem.

ALL the doleful talk about Yiddish dying out may yet be premature. In fact, unless America watches out, Yiddish may end up taking over the language.

It all stems back to that fabulous town, so full of Yiddish tam, where so much of TV originates. The jargon of New York has seeped through to its non-Jewish inhabitants and, through the medium of TV, to the wide open spaces.

And if you Jewish parents don't get busy imparting whatever little Yiddish you can manipulate to your young ones, you'll find the non-Jewish kinder spouting more of the mother tongue than do yours.

Take the day on TV that Garry Moore said we would "hear the whole megilla."

Or the time on the Big Pay-

off that M.C. Randy Merriman made a mistake and exclaimed, "Boy, am I a nudnick!"

Or the member of the orchestra on the Betty White show who, exchanging banter with the lady, said, "Vay is meir."

And there was the night Danny Thomas recalled fumbling on the night-club floor and being heckled by a voice from the audience which intoned, "Man, are you farblunget."

IF your 13-year-old is concerned about his height, you have an inkling of what must be going on in the heart of ours, who in this Hoosier land where basketball is king, is not only a rabid fan but a mighty little mite of a player himself. And all you hear on TV at game time is this guy is 6 foot 8 inches and that one 6 foot 10 inches.

While pondering his fate and asking to pass the 6-foot mark himself (he still has to make the five-foot one) our boy fumes at mama and papa for not being 6 footers themselves to give him a better head start.

Next time, boy, you'll just have to be more efficient when you pick your parents.

OUR high school student, deep into Shakespeare, was making out a case that the efforts of that playwright were in a strange incomprehensible tongue. He may not be too far wrong. English, as spoken in Britain, is not the same as that on this side of the water.

I noticed a story in Time magazine about a worker in England who, because he was a member of another union, did not go on strike with his fellow workers. As a result he was given the silent treatment by them for a long period of months. When the time was up and the other men hoped he was not too angry, his answer was a friendly, "I don't bear them any malice."

Can you hear one of our workers expressing himself thusly? His retort would have sounded more like this: "Aw, forget it fellows. No hard feelings."

CHANGE RATES

NEW YORK (JP)—A new rate schedule, providing lower prices for tours in Israel despite a Nov. 1 boost of almost 30 per cent in Israel hotel rates, has been announced by Israel Tourist Service corporation.

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

TV Rabbi Show Ready to Start
But Deterred By Lack of Angel

By ANITA MARATECK WINCEMBERG

SOME TIME ago, George Jessel, then a vice-president of the Mutual Network, conceived of a spiritual-guidance TV program, similar to that of Monsignor Sheen, but conducted from a Jewish point of view. The success of the peace of mind and soul, richer, fuller, happier life type of book and magazine article, and the extraordinary viewer rating of the Sheen program, clearly indicated the existence of such a need, or at least demand.

Jessel's choice of a Jewish personality vigorous enough to hold his own in this newly-crowded field was Dr. Max Nussbaum, rabbi of Hollywood's Temple Israel.

As planned the program would resemble that of Monsignor Sheen (including the wear- NUSBAUM ing of some sort of clerical robes), but Rabbi Nussbaum's approach was projected as somewhat more personal, as well as firmly based on Jewish sources.

MUTUAL WENT AHEAD and made a pilot film, in which Rabbi Nussbaum told of his miraculous escape from Nazi Germany, discussed the sources of religious faith which preserved Jewry from annihilation, and related the story of the Warsaw Ghetto, and the origin of the song "Ani Maamin."

But, although the test program received an enthusiastic response

from executives at Mutual's headquarters in New York it never proceeded beyond the planning stage, since no suitable sponsor could be found. It was realized that many products could not very well be advertised on a program of this nature, and that even the idea of selling TV sets on Bishop Sheen's program had drawn criticism.

AT THE MOMENT, the network still hopes it will not have to shelve the idea, though it is too budget-ridden and too busy to compete with NBC and CBS, to be able to present it on a sustaining basis.

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THE INCIDENCE of kashruth observance among Jews in England by far surpasses that of Jews in the United States. As late as 1954 it was estimated that close to 90 per cent of British Jews regularly purchase their meats in kosher butcher shops!

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OBITUARIES

Leon Israel, 67, Dies; Famed Forward Cartoonist

NEW YORK—Leon Israel, 67, artist and cartoonist for *The Jewish Daily Forward*, died Jan. 12 in Beth Israel hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Israel had been with the *Forward* for 15 years. Before joining the staff of that paper he had worked on *Kundes*, a comic weekly, and on *The Jewish Morning Journal*. He also did paintings, etchings and murals of im-

migrant life on the lower East Side of New York and reproductions of many of these pictures were collected in a book, "East Side of Yesteryear."

A native of Russia, Mr. Israel came to the United States in 1905, and settling in the heart of the immigrant community, he began doing cartoons about the drama of the life there for Yiddish newspapers and magazines.

Mrs. Dora Lippman, 90

HARTFORD, Conn.—Mrs. Dora Lippman, widow of Rabbi Ber-

nard E. Lippman, and one of the founders of the Yeshiva of Hartford, died Jan. 11 in Mt. Sinai hospital. One of the early organizers of the Hebrew Home for the Aged, she was also a past president of the Hebrew Institute of Hartford and was a member of many synagogues and Jewish service and aid groups.

Mrs. Nina Finesinger, 54

BOSTON (JP)—Nina Finesinger, 54, wife of Dr. Abraham Fine-

singer, a member of the psychiatric staff of the Massachusetts General hospital, died Jan. 8. A nationally known violinist, she was once the pupil of Leopold Auer. Mrs. Finesinger is believed to have been the first woman to play in a symphony orchestra in the United States and played under the direction of Otto Klemperer with the Los Angeles Symphony.

Richard Pinkson, 90

BOSTON (JP)—Richard Pinkson, 90, first secretary of the brotherhood of Temple Israel, actuary for the U. S. Trust company in Boston and oldest charter member of the Bank Officers association of Boston died here recently. For 64 years Mr. Pinkson was an L Street Brownie, a group of robust men who went swimming daily through the entire year at the L Street bathing beach in South Boston. He also rode his bicycle around the city until the age of 70.

Louis Ruben, 49

BAYONNE, N. J. (JP)—Louis Ruben, 49, supervisor of instrumental music in the Bayonne school system and inventor of a number of musical training devices died Jan. 4 in a New York office building. Mr. Ruben was the inventor of the Compos-a-Tune, a device to help inexperienced persons compose tunes; the Chordex, an aid to ukelele players; and toy pianos and trombones for children.

Bernard Hartzell, 50

YOUNGSTOWN, O. — Bernard Hartzell, 50, a former member of the National Committee of One Hundred for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, died of a heart attack Jan. 9 in the home of friends. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Mr. Hartzell was an Army captain during World War II and following the war, became director of public relations and advertising for the Strauss-Hirshburg Co., of which his grandfather was one of the founders. Since 1950 he had been on the faculty of Youngstown college.

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Jewish Museum, 5th Ave. and 92 St.
Jewish Theological Seminary B'way, 3000 Broadway, New York 27.
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National Organizations

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American ORT Federation, 212 Fifth Ave., N. Y. 10, N. Y. MU. 6-3222.
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Histadrut Ivrit, 165 W. 46th St., FL. 7-0920.
The Jewish Information Bureau, 103 Park Ave., N. Y. 17, N. Y. MU. 9-0274.
Jewish National Fund, 41 E. 42nd St., VA-6-3780.
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Coming Events

Jan. 15 through 23. HEBREW WEEK, sponsored by the Histadrut Ivrit of America. Three forums will be held in New York area. Check Cultural section for information.

Jan. 20. ANNUAL MAN-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD DINNER of the Metropolitan Conference of Temple Brotherhoods. Tex and Jinx McCrary will make the award to Ben Grauer. Hotel Delmonico, New York City. Contact your brotherhood president for tickets.

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Jan. 31. JEWISH WAR VETERANS GOLD MEDAL AWARD DINNER honoring Col. Harry D. Henshel with Gold Medal of Merit Award. Grand Ballroom. Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Evening.

Cultural

Friday, Jan. 21. EDUCATION FOR PEACE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. Talk by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 E. 87th st. Evening.

Sunday, Jan. 23. A SUMMARY OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN ISRAEL AND HEBREW AND THE SURVIVAL OF THE JEWS. Twin discussions program sponsored by the Histadrut Ivrit of America as part of Hebrew Week. Jewish Institute of Religion, 40 W. 68th st. Discussions to be in Hebrew and English.

Monday, Jan. 24. MENTAL HEALTH — ITS GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, public lecture series sponsored by the Brotherhood Council of Village Presbyterian Church and The Brotherhood Synagogue, 139 W. 13th st. 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 24—THE JEW—PIONEER IN LABOR. Lecture by Mr. Adolph Held. Sponsored by the Institute of Adult Jewish Studies of the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 270 W. 89th st. 8:30 p.m. Admission Free.

Monday, Jan. 24. BOOKS OF UNCOMMON INTEREST. Lecture-course. Rabbi Irwin M. Blank will conduct lecture on Blessed Is The Land, by Louis Zara. Congregation Emanu-El, 1 E. 65th st. 8 p.m. Admission Free.

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Monday, Jan. 24. THE ETHICAL TEACHINGS OF JUDAISM. Lecture-course sponsored by the Committee on Adult Education of Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 E. 87th st. 9 p.m.

uesday, Jan. 25. THE COMPOSITION OF THE JEWISH PRAYER BOOK. Talk by Rabbi Tibor Stern. West Side Institutional Synagogue, 122 West 76th st.

Monday, Jan. 31. EASTERN EUROPE. Lecture by Jason Jacobowitz. Public lecture series given by Yeshiva University graduates. Hebrew Institute of University Heights, 1835 University ave., Bronx. 8:30 p.m. Admission Free.

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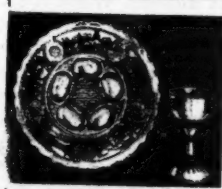
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THE SUN AT NOON, by Charles Angoff, Beechhurst Press. \$4.50.

It has come slowly, as it was bound to come with a work of oceanic rhythm, but there is now a realization in an ever-widening part of the literary world that Charles Angoff is engaged in creating a most important series of novels of Jewish life in America. The third volume maintains the same intimacy, sometimes anguished, sometimes lyrical, established in the first two, and carries forward the chronicles of the Polonsky family in Boston, to the point where David graduates from Harvard.

But David is the least intrusive of protagonists. In the saga form he has chosen, Angoff is at liberty to go off for 50 pages at a time, into the life-story of an uncle, a landsman, a cousin. The fate of all is part of what David learns in life, the consciousness of the family is strong in him even at times when visits are remotely

spaced.

AND IN THIS volume we begin to feel the breaking-up of the family, under the fractioning blows of modern life, and of life in America. They make a last effort to cling together through a mutual loan society that gives them an excuse to gather every so often, and gives the women occasion to vie with each other in providing table delicacies. But the meetings come further and further apart, and finally the society is dissolved.

Though the volume nominally is organized around David's college experience, it is in basic content the story of the older generation. Much of it is devoted to Chasel, the socialistic shop-girl, and her romance with Shlomo, a one-time yeshivah bocher. In depicting Shlomo, the author discloses an impressive store of Talmudic knowledge, for his character is filled with quotations, parables and admonishments, always astonishingly to the point, and always impressive when set against the formal philosophy that David is studying at Harvard.

CHASEL AND SHLOMO marry at last, and there is a

touching account of her gradual discovery that she is totally sterile, due to an undeveloped womb. As this section unfolds, one feels that all that one has known of Chasel's character is becoming explained, even as this fact previously unknown to Chasel herself is at last showing her the truth of her own life. Thus, with a totally inconspicuous technique, with no underlining whatsoever, the author manages to achieve a construction that has the plasticity, the fluidity, and yet the quality of inherence, of life itself.

There are hard times in Boston, in the early Twenties. Mottel, at one time is the most prosperous of the immigrants, finds his clothing manufacturing business going on the rocks. He sells out to his partners, and starts a grocery store. He falls ill, and gradually it becomes clear that he has cancer of the stomach. His ebbing away, and the effect of this on the family, is handled with great pity, and yet with a clinical quality that rings so utterly true, as to recall all the family woes that ever were, in this world.

AND JUST AS well-integrated, into the sweep of the chronicle, is the tale of the dry goods sales-

man, Aaron, who had always been attracted to older women, and now loses his feeling for his child-like wife, and takes up with a widow slightly older than himself. A divorce follows, and a marriage that proves to be a good one. The "scandal" is gradually forgotten.

All through these events, we are aware of David's intellectual growth, his career at Harvard is a straight account of his reaction to the various courses he takes, of his gradual realization that he learns more from his solitary reading than from his famous professors, and that the Boston public library is sometimes a dearer place to him than the Harvard common. In its quiet way, this could be a satire on every college novel ever written, for it deals with learning, and not with fraternities and football. Angoff simply takes the Harvard faculty apart.

David has a romance, too. It is shy, and dignified; he sees more and more of Alice Cohen, a girl he had known in Hebrew school; they take walks, hold hands, go to a few dances, and, as he graduates from college, feel pledged.

the first books, that there is a degree of realization, for an unworthy person scarcely appears in these pages. And yet, are these characters idealized, or are they simply understood? The sex-episodes between Aaron and Bertha, presented with less insight, could seem nasty, some of the business dealings, presented with less overall comprehension, would yield unpleasant characters. Angoff is not at all lacking in critical faculty; he is writing of a group of people who are essentially good, and that is a very large part of his theme.

This is the epic of a generation whose life might be contained in these lines: "Every time I think of where David is now, in college, I say to myself that this country is worth all the sores it has brought us."

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THOSE of you who have been reading this "chair" for some time know of the several occasions when I have walked out of national Jewish conventions because some of the sessions were barred to the press or put on an off-the-record basis.

So the following from Charles Roth, the capable head of our New York bureau—even his penciled note to me—will be of interest. It is by Norman Cousins, editor of *The Saturday Review*:

"Dear Gabe:

"I have been carrying this editorial around in my pocket for weeks, but forgot to give it to you. I think you will enjoy it and may want to quote a piece of it:"

"The other day in Toledo I received what in effect amounted to a public rebuke. It was administered by the publisher of the city's two newspapers, the morning *Times* and the afternoon *Blade*. It came during a luncheon meeting sponsored by the Toledo Bar Association.

"The meeting had been arranged for the purpose of acquainting the Toledo community with the work of a newly organized local committee on Constitutional freedoms, set up by the Toledo Bar Association for the purpose of providing free legal services in cases involving jeopardy to the Bill of Rights.

"During my talk I discussed a recent case involving the suspension of a physicist from government work. His lawyer was able to develop proof that the physicist had been erroneously accused. The government eventually acknowledged its error and ordered complete reinstatement. Meanwhile the physicist and his family had undergone almost a year of anguish. The point I tried to make was that the physicist was fortunate in being able to obtain a lawyer who was not afraid to handle an "unpopular" case.

"ONE ASPECT of the case I related concerned the part of a newspaperman in helping to ascertain the innocence of the scientist. Since this involved the newsman's sources of information I requested that this portion of my talk be regarded by the reporters present as "off the record."

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"As soon as I mentioned the fact that I was going "off the record" Paul Block, Jr., publisher of the *Times* and *Blade*, rose from his table in the center of the room and walked out. He subsequently made it clear to the readers of his papers that he had walked out in protest against my off-the-record request. In fact, after I left the hall I found Mr. Block explaining his position to officers of the TBA. George Gould, who had invited me to the out with Mr. Block.

"Mr. Block said he felt the off-the-record device was inconsistent with good news reporting.

"SOME TIME AGO," he told me, "I ordered my reporters to walk out of any meeting or conference of three persons or more the moment the speaker says he is talking off the record. I don't want my men to hear anything the public can't hear. Certainly, if a roomful of people can be given confidential information the public ought not to be excluded. Sometimes we used to be placed in the astonishing position of having a piece of news circulate everywhere in the city except in our newspapers because we respected the off-the-record request. Consequently I have instructed my reporters to walk out, wait around until after the meeting, find out from people exactly what was said, and then report the whole thing, off the record or not. In doing so we were not bound by any agreement; all we were doing was getting the same information which was certain to circulate anyway."

"My conversation with Mr. Block was cut short because of close train connections I had to make. On the way to Chicago I thought carefully about Mr. Block's action and the reason behind it. When I got off the train I sent him a wire saying I believed his position was wise and incontestable. Even though my purpose in going off the record was to protect a newsman's sources, I said it was a gross error for me to do this at an open meeting. There was no question in my mind that Mr. Block had acted in the best interests of responsible newspaper publishing. I commended him on the action and said I hoped his method of coping with the off-the-record practice would be adopted by the nation's press as a whole.

"I can't say that the experience of being spanked in public is a pleasant one; but at least a substantial contribution has been made to my personal education."

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READER'S CRITICISM OF ZEALOTS DRAWS HOT REPLY FROM ANOTHER

Editor, Jewish Post:

In the Dec. 24 issue of your paper there appeared a letter by Mrs. Abe Goldberg, which for ferocity, animosity and hostility can do credit to any hatemonger. This scathing attack on Orthodoxy: why? ... because it dares to uphold and live by the holy TORAH and the Halacha, which it is duty-bound to perform. This is a vivid exhibition of the sad and deplorable state of Judaism in the small towns and villages throughout our land, and a glaring example of how poisonous and deadly our enemies from within can be.

Her statement that Orthodoxy is "hampering and hindering another person's life" is ridiculous

and absurd, because you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink.

As to her query as to "by what authority and under whose jurisdiction the zealots set themselves up as sole exponents of the law," the answer is very simple, viz, by authority of the TORAH HAK-DOSHA, upon which they meditate day and night. The same way that we are governed civilly by the Constitution and the lawmakers (which by the way draws on its wisdom from our holy Bible).

Her further statement, that she is afraid that we may take over Israel at some future date, is a farce. The Torah and Israel are a way of life, the good life, the

We Seek a New Pattern

THE problem of multiple campaigns in our local Jewish communities has come to the fore because of the unwillingness of some of the beneficiaries of the one annual drive to accept reduced allocations.

But this is not the full picture.

All along, even while our one annual drive was raising magnificent amounts for all causes—not that any of them were really satisfied, however—there have been independent campaigns going on. These were for the Histadrut, or Brandeis university, or in some years for the Hebrew university or the Technion, and also of course for domestic agencies like the Joint Defense Appeal of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Community.

So the problem is far from simple.

And it is rendered more complex by the realization that those agencies which have conducted independent drives very likely have realized more money than if they had been beneficiaries of the one combined campaign.

The crux of the matter here, though, is the compounded cost of conducting these independent drives.

Figures show that the costs of independent drives skyrocket as compared to those of the combined campaigns.

No one wants a return to the time when every agency went through every

community with its own campaign.

The present arrangement, where there are a limited number of independent drives, is probably preferable. Probably even preferable to one single drive in which even Brandeis university was included.

We say this because where an independent drive is operated with a minimum of cost, and does raise a considerable amount in funds, it probably does so without affecting the total raised in the annual drive to the same extent as the amount raised by the independent campaign.

But if too many agencies conduct independent drives, as for instance at present in the Milwaukee Jewish community, and the one annual drive's success is endangered, then the local community will rebel.

From this revolt will come only one result. A new pattern will be effected, and most probably will force every agency seeking funds in the community into the annual drive.

The thing to guard against, as long as we are living through an era in the development of the U. S. Jewish community where we are a voluntary community with little means of effecting even the voluntarism, is precipitate action which will split the community and fragmentize it.

Zealots Have Right to Move

PROBABLY the American Jewish community, much more even than the Israeli Jewish community, can appreciate the problem raised by the Naturei Karta in their unlawful efforts to gain what to them seems to be the most important thing in the world.

Philip Slomovitz, editor of the *Jewish News* of Detroit, takes up the cudgels against the Naturei Karta, and feels that their intention to move into the Jordan part of Jerusalem should bring the crowning condemnation of this ultra-Orthodox sect.

We hold otherwise.

There is no question but that the Naturei Karta are a thorny problem.

But just as in the Bar Giora case where a school teacher, a former Jewess, has converted to Christianity, a matter of real democracy is involved.

If the Naturei Karta were determined to leave the Jewish part of Jerusalem because they want to help the enemies of Israel conquer the Jewish state, that is one thing. If they leave Israel because they are seeking a holy spot

where they can live their lives as Jews in the way they feel that their lives should be led, that is something else again.

All throughout the U. S. there are really strange groups, groups so odd when it comes to the real kind of American life we are accustomed to, that they often are written up in magazines for their queerness. Yet they live in peace.

This does not mean, as for instance in the case of the Mormons and polygamy that the law of the land can be violated, or as in the case of the Doukbours of Canada who periodically parade in public in the nude, that the Mea Shearim sect can forever openly flaunt the law.

But as long as the security of Israel is not involved, what must be expressed by those in authority, is extreme consideration for the demands of the Naturei Karta. Democracy is strongest when it is most pliant and flexible. It is weakest and tends towards authoritarianism when it is unable to condone differences even of the kinds that are considered close to being destructive.

A Crude Attempt

THE crude attempt of *The Indianapolis Star* to transform the Wolf Ladejinsky case into one of the right of an agency of the government to "fire an employe from a policy-making job" comes very close to being immoral.

The morning newspaper conveniently glosses over the fact that Ladejinsky was

removed on grounds which specifically questioned his loyalty.

No government has a right and no newspaper can ignore a situation where any means are used because the ends seem justified.

We doubt that the editorial really represents the considered views of *The Star*.

only life worthwhile, and no one can take it away from you, because it clearly states that "Koll Yisroel yash lohem chalik B'olom hobo" ... every Israelite has a share in the world to come. On the contrary, we solicit your help, we need you to carry on ... "and the hands of Moses became heavy." We are tired of carrying the burden alone and must have your support.

As to her statement that Orthodoxy better find itself an island to practice its ghetto-like tactics" permit me to assure the kind

lady that if anybody will need an island it will be her group, because while Orthodoxy has produced the great minds of the bible and the great colossi, in the arts and sciences and music, etc., the so-called "modern intellectuals of the modern age" have produced broken homes, divorces, vice, crime, juvenile delinquents, and mambo dancers, and are heading straight for the jungle and primitive life.

LOUIS MORGENSTERN
Baltimore, Md.

Post Story on Smith Lauded by Texas Rabbi

Editor, Jewish Post:

Gerald Turnoy's special article on Milan D. Smith combined with your own editorial on the same subject (JP, Jan. 14, '55), constitute one of the most reasonable and constructive acts of publication in a long time in American Jewish journalism.

I am afraid that successes in the recent elections may turn the heads of some of our political

writers. I am also afraid that they sometimes use their Jewish influence for their political purpose beyond the Jewish phase of welfare.

Rabbi Abraham J. Brachman
Fort Worth, Tex.

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I THINK AS I PLEASE

An Israeli May See U.S. Jewry More Clearly Than an American

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—Many of the distinguished Israelis who visit America for one purpose or another are interviewed upon return, and it is interesting—sometimes amusing—to read their comments. Among them are acute observers who put their finger squarely on essential points which American Jews are not always willing to face frankly. Others betray a sad ignorance of even the most fundamental aspects of American Jewish life.



ALPERT

One of the Hebrew papers recently published a report from one of these returned Israelis which I found of more than passing interest. For one thing, the comments were provocative, even though perhaps too sweeping. For another, the story brought back memories to me. The interview was with Mr. Peli, head of the well-known publishing house, Massada.

"The Third Generation in America Will Astonish Us," declared the bold headline, and Mr. Peli's report proceeded to elaborate. Whereas the first generation of immigrant Jews to America was well versed in Jewish lore and learning, could read Hebrew, and retained much of his loyalty to his faith, the second generation for the most part is composed of ignoramuses. With the third generation, Mr. Peli finds, the pendulum has swung, and observers are surprised at the trend.

FOR ONE THING, there appears to be a genuine hunger for a return to Jewish spiritual and cultural values. The knowledge of Hebrew is growing, and it should not be long before there will be a sizable Hebrew reading and Hebrew speaking public in the United States. Mr. Peli feels that the next 10 or 15 years will bring about this state of affairs, though he sadly reports that as of today a new book published in the United States in Hebrew will sell only about 200 copies.

The return to Judaism he finds equally interesting. One can find Jewish homes in America where, on Friday nights, the son will don his yamulke, and recite the Kiddush, while the father, sitting at the same table, head uncovered, will be smoking a cigarette.

HOW TO INTRODUCE the wealth of modern Hebrew literature to this eager young generation which has not yet mastered Hebrew? Mr. Peli, surprisingly enough for a Hebrew publisher, recommends English translation. Until such time as knowledge of

Hebrew is more widespread, he feels, we should not abandon American Jewry, and we should make available to the Jewish reader in the States the pick of Israel's annual crop of books—in translation. Peli believes this will serve as a bridge to familiarity with the Hebrew tongue.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the Hebrew books published in English thus far has risen above mediocre rank. In 1937 there was S. J. Agnon's "Briday Canopy"; in 1948 Ari Ibn Zahav's "Jessica My Daughter." In 1950 one of Israel's best-selling novels appeared in English under the title of "Young Hearts." There have been only a few others. American Jews failed to buy these books in any appreciable quantity.

Mr. Peli has been somewhat too modest about his own accomplishments in pushing Hebrew books in the States. The magnum opus of Massada is the Hebrew Encyclopedia, a 16-volume enterprise which covers the entire field of human knowledge—an Encyclopedia Britannica in Hebrew. Massada's first agent in the States used to come in to see me at my office in New York seeking encouragement and advice.

HE WAS AN INTELLIGENT, energetic Israeli whose major virtue as a salesman was his naivete when it came to American Jews. I told him that his only worthwhile market for sale of subscriptions to the Hebrew Encyclopedia was in New York and a few other metropolitan areas where there were groups of Hebrew speakers. He tried, but didn't do too well. He had his own ideas, and against my advice one day took a train to Texas. He was going to sell expensive Hebrew books in Texas!

He didn't return to New York for months, and the reason, as he would report to me occasionally by mail, was that he was busy selling encyclopedias. The mere fact that a stupendous project of this nature was being produced in the little state of Israel, in Jerusalem, in Hebrew, appealed to his customers. It made no difference that they could not read Hebrew; it made the work seem that much more important. They wanted the books in their home, in the glass bookcase. There were many who bought duplicate sets for presentation to the local public library. In all, I think he sold more encyclopedias in Texas than he did in New York!

All of which goes to prove that the observer who comes from afar may frequently make a sounder analysis than those of us who have lived all our lives on the scene. Perhaps Americans should pay more heed to Israelis' comments.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

JERUSALEM POST WRITER ASSAILS ALPERT'S VIEWS ON NATUREI KARTA

● Editor, Jewish Post:

Carl Alpert in his column on Jerusalem street clashes rails against half-truths in the American press and then proceeds to tell only a portion of the story. Here is a few things he left out:

1. In the congested, densely populated slum areas of Jerusalem there is a great dearth of playgrounds, which will take the children off the streets and help prevent juvenile delinquency.

2. The Working Mothers group that organized the playground under attack had to take what space they could find.

3. The fact that it bordered the homes of the Naturei Karta in Mea Shearim was apparently not considered, as Mr. Alpert states, because there was no reason to expect trouble. Hadassah organized playgrounds for many years before the State in the Old City Jewish quarter, the original home of the Naturei Karta.

4. These attacks on playing children followed a long series of violent incidents in Jerusalem, organized by religious zealots, which included arson, destruction of property, attacks on policemen, Christian tourists and ordinary citizens, which, understandably, has aroused the ire of the great majority of the citizens of Jerusalem.

5. Rabbi Amram Blau, the leader of these violent expedi-

tions, is a religious fanatic whose chief purpose, apparently, is to make trouble for the "heathen" State of Israel. He told Edmund Wilson (reported in *The New Yorker* of Dec. 4) that he never denied the story that the tried to surrender with his group to the Arabs in 1948, because, though the facts are not correct, they are entirely consistent with his principles.

Had Rabbi Blau's principles been fulfilled, his Arab rulers would be driving with immunity past his house on the Sabbath; playgrounds, run by Arabs or Christian missionaries, would be unmolested. Rabbi Blau would be sitting quietly in his ghetto hoping that he too would not be molested by the ruling Arabs.

But because Rabbi Blau has the good fortune to live in a Jewish State, which he considers heathen (but, certainly, no more heathen than the Arab state he preferred) he thinks he has the right to impose his will by violence on the Jewish "heathens and agnostics." Does Carl Alpert still think "there is justice on both sides?"

A final irony: the American supporters of these fanatics, who try to impose their own peculiar brand of religion on others by violence and arson, call themselves "The American Committee

for the Freedom of Religion in Israel."

JESSE ZEL LURIE
American Correspondent
The Jerusalem Post

Mr. Alpert replies from Israel: I do not withhold any measure of denunciation of the Naturei Karta, who have been behaving, as I wrote originally, "in a thoroughly immoral and criminal fashion." This does not mean that I must condone or overlook the equally criminal behavior of civilian vigilantes who took the law into their own hands, and proceeded to add crime to crime.

With respect to the provocative location of the club house, I must point out that there are many persons in Israel who believe it would be wise policy to move the club. Mr. Ben-Gurion has given expression to that point of view too, and I associate myself with Mr. Ben-Gurion in this matter. In your home town it may be perfectly legal and proper to operate a noisy tavern or night club next door to a church or synagogue, but propriety and consideration, if not zoning laws, would dictate otherwise. It seems to me that the Naturei Karta of Jerusalem, precisely because they are in a minority, are entitled to similar consideration and protection of their moral interests next door to their homes.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Czarist Rubles May Not Be Hay But Is That Such An Advantage

BONDS with a face value of half a million dollars usually aren't hay, but **Charles Kohen**, Washington, D. C., stamp and coin dealer would probably be better off financially if the ones he held turned into horse feed. The proprietor of the Hobby Shop paid \$27.45 recently for a fistful of Czarist Russian bonds which stand little chance of redemption by the present Soviet regime. Kohen, however, is optimistic, and recently said if he could get the full value of the bonds he would donate the money to charity. To prove he is not alone in his optimism, he revealed he recently turned down an offer of \$10,000 for the paper.

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No Dandy, He

FAMED scientist Dr. **Albert Einstein** may be a Nobel Prize winner, but it's a cinch he'll never top the list of best dressed men—not that he particularly cares. Scheduled to have his portrait taken by Dr. **Marcel Sternberger**, one of the world's outstanding photographers, the famous mathematician showed up in a frayed and rumpled



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pers. He declined to change his shirt, despite the photographer's protestations, but did make the concession of slipping on a sweater.

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Names In Review

ISRAEL boxer **David Oved**, winner of his first ten fights in the United States, has been named by Nat Fleischer, editor of **Ring Magazine**, as "the best boxing prospect of January, 1955" . . . Judge **Learned Hand**, dean of American jurists, has been chosen by the American Jewish Committee to receive its American Liberties Medalion "for exceptional advancement of the principle of human liberty" . . . **Gottlieb Hammer**, executive director of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has been elected president of the American Israeli Shipping Company, Inc. . . . The Freedom of the City of Beersheba has been conferred on Dr. **Nelson Glueck**, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.



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NAMED to fill a vacancy on the national commission of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations

has been **Michael A. Stavitsky**, Newark, N. J., real estate and insurance executive . . . Chairmanship of the motion picture division of the Cedars of Lebanon hospital's \$750,000 expansion fund campaign has been accepted by MGM studio head **Dore Schary** . . . **Phillip W. Lown**, of West Newton, Mass. was recently elected president of the American Association for Jewish Education.

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NEW Jewish chaplain at Fort Campbell, Ky., is Rabbi **Jack Ostrovsky**, formerly of Utopia Jewish Center, Flushing, N. Y. . . . A daughter, **Reva Evelyn**, was born Dec. 13 to Rabbi and Mrs. **Robert S. Port**. . . . Rabbi and Mrs. **Nathan A. Perlman**, of New York, have announced the engagement of their daughter, **Barbara Rose**, to **Edward B. Meadow**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Abraham R. Meadow**, also of New York . . . newly appointed a page boy in the North Carolina House of Representatives is **Josua Toffeld**, son of Rabbi and Mrs. **Aaron J. Toffeld**, of Charlotte, N. C.

Monument to Honor Famed Jewish Poetess

NEW YORK (JP) — A granite monument to honor the memory of **Emma Lazarus**, American-Jewish poetess who wrote the sonnet in welcome of immigrants that is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, is to be erected in Battery Park by the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of New York.

The stone, to be brought from Israel, probably will be set up this summer, according to Mrs. **Isaac Gilman**, former president of the federation.

Mrs. **Gilman** announced the monument at last week's annual convention of the federation at which she stepped down after 20 years as head of the group. Mrs. **Ida Cook Farber** was elected her successor.

Gas Raises Hopes For Oil Deposits

JERUSALEM—A gas generally found near oil deposits was released during drillings for oil last week at **Beeri** in the southern part of Israel.

The **Lapidot** company, which is carrying on the work at the site, has stepped up its drilling in the hopes of hitting an oil pocket soon.

ENVOY NAMED

JERUSALEM — Israel has named as its first minister to Uruguay **Matitahu Hindes**, a sabra newspaperman, lawyer and banker. For the past year **Hindes** has been manager of the Bank Leumi.

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WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

Swedish Nazis Raise Heads Again

LONDON—Former Swedish Nazis have been stepping up their recruiting of members in Swedish universities, according to the **Jewish Chronicle** of London. Neo-Nazi students' associations have been founded at Uppsala, Stockholm and Lund. The group's program is anti-Jewish. It demands a ban on Jewish immigration and urges that Jews should not be given high posts.

Hungary to Release 30 Jews

VIENNA—The Hungarian government is expected to permit 30 elderly Jews to emigrate this month to Israel to join their relatives. This relaxation of restrictions upon travel is expected to be broadened in the near future to include permitting visitors from abroad to visit relatives in Budapest.

Israeli Ship Makes 28,000 Mile Trip

JERUSALEM—The Israeli freighter **Etrog** recently completed a 28,000 mile cruise via the Cape of Good Hope to deliver 2,000 tons of Israeli potash and cement at Rangoon, Burma. The **Etrog**, the first Israeli ship to touch at a Burmese port, was forced to make the long voyage because of the Egyptian blockade of the Suez. It took the 3,000-ton freighter four months to make the trip. Normally it would have taken six weeks.

Attacks Worry Tunisian Jewry

TUNIS (WNS)—The Jewish population of Tunisia is becoming increasingly worried as a result of reports received here from various towns of increased anti-Jewish terrorist activities by Arab youths in connection with Moslem opposition to the French administration. In this city, groups of young Moslems looted Jewish stores when the owners refused to close them in a demonstration of sympathy with the Moslem movement against France. The nationalist Neo-Destour party issued a statement condemning the attacks. Reports of activities against Jews in other small towns have been received here. A report from Mendenine, in southern Tunisia, says that the Jewish cemetery there was desecrated and that the attackers fled before police arrived.

Germany To Pay \$90 Million

BONN—West Germany will pay approximately \$90 million during 1955 for Jewish claims of all categories, an increase of \$20 million over that paid during the past fiscal year. The payments will be divided among Israel reparations, restitutions, indemnification, pensions to former German rabbis or communal officials and damage claims for victims of Nazi medical experiments.

Air, Ship Departures for Israel

Airlines

	Departs Idlewild	arrives Lydda
Air France	6 p.m. Sunday	11:20 p. m. Monday
BOAC	5 p.m. Monday	5:25 a.m. Wednesday
El Al	5 p.m. Wednesday 9 p.m. Saturday	7 a.m. Friday 10:05 a.m. Monday
KLM	11:45 a.m. Sunday 11:45 a.m. Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Tuesday	9:55 p.m. Monday 9:30 p.m. Wednesday 9:30 p.m. Wednesday
Sabena	1 p.m. Monday	10:15 p.m. Tuesday
Swissair	2:30 p.m. Saturday 2:30 p.m. Sunday	4:25 a.m. Tuesday 4:25 a.m. Tuesday
TWA	11 a.m. Monday 11 a.m. Friday	8:55 p.m. Tuesday 8:45 p.m. Saturday

Steamships

	Departs New York	arrives Haifa
Dagan (Zim)	Jan. 21	Feb. 6
Brittanic (Cunard)	Jan. 28	Feb. 16
SS M. Dizengoff (Zim)	Feb. 10	Mar. 4
SS Atlantic (Home Lines)	Feb. 11	Mar. 7
Nieuw Amsterdam (Holland America Line)	Mar. 12	Mar. 27
SS Jerusalem (Zim)	Mar. 21	April 5
SS Jerusalem (Zim)	May 23	June 7
SS Jerusalem (Zim)	July 1	July 17
SS Jerusalem (Zim)	Aug. 31	Sept. 15

(Italian Line and American Export Line ships go only to Italy where direct connections to Haifa are available via the Adriatica Line and Zim. The Elath and Dagan are cargo vessels, but they accommodate a few passengers. The Britannic, Atlantic and Nieuw Amsterdam touch at Haifa as part of Mediterranean cruises, but passengers must continue with the cruise).

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U.N. Survey Of Schehitah Bans Asked By Agudas Israel Leader

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (JP)—A request that a study be made of the prohibition in several countries against the religious slaughtering of animals for food was brought before the United Nations subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination this week.

The request was made by Dr. **Isaac Lewin**, speaking in behalf of the Agudas Israel organizations which represent Orthodox Jewry throughout the world. Authorities in veterinary science and physiology, Dr. **Lewin** asserted, have testified that, contrary to accusations, such slaughtering is humane rather than cruel.

FREEDOM IN DANGER

At the same time the subcommittee heard the charge that the right to freedom of religion is increasingly being violated and "is likely to become more and more acute in the years immediately ahead."

The assertion was made by United States representative **Jus-**

tice **Philip Halpern** of the appellate division of the New York State Supreme Court in Buffalo. In a preliminary report to the group, members of which are appointed by their governments but serve in individual capacities, **Halpern** said, "A new phenomenon has appeared in our time, in governmentally inspired drives against all formal religion in countries dedicated to militant atheism."

RUSSIAN OBJECTS

Although no opposition to the report was advanced on substantive grounds, **A. A. Fomin**, the Soviet delegate, objected to the stipulations which said governments, the Secretary General, specialized agencies, nongovernment organizations and writings of experts should be used as source material for the study.

The Soviet representative also protested against a suggestion that testimony be obtained from persons who have escaped from the control of governments about whose conduct information might be sought, arguing that the secretariat itself should undertake the study, if it is done.

It was asserted, however, by Justice **Halpern**, that the secretariat had previously declined making such a survey because it was felt it might prejudice its relations with the governments involved.

Cairo Tribunal Mulls Decision In 'Spy' Case

NEW YORK (JP) — Reports from Cairo indicate that members of the military tribunal which tried the 10 Jews on charges of spying for Israel will soon reach a verdict.

An announcement of the sentences is to be made following the presentation of the tribunal's decision to Premier **Abdul Nasser**.

Meanwhile, **Roger Baldwin**, head of the American Civil Liberties Union, who came to Egypt to investigate the procedures under which the Jews were tried, praised the fairness of the military court trial.

He said that the defendants had every chance to say what they wanted to say, and could appoint a lawyer if they wished. Friends and relatives of the defendants could attend the hearings if they desired, **Baldwin** said, and some actually did so.

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